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To Whom it may Concern,

I would like to voice my opinion that changes to the current Abortion Laws in Queensland should remain unchanged. The bill recently tabled by the member for Cairns should not under any circumstances become law in the state of Queensland.

I am now a mother of 3 boys, but for over 13 years my husband and I found ourselves in the position of not being able to have our own children. We looked into adoption within Queensland, but at that time, waiting lists were 10 years and longer. It was a desperately sad time for us. The idea of a woman being able to abort a pregnancy at any point is a difficult concept for me to accept, as I believe that life, (any life) is precious. The concept of a woman being able to choose to abort her baby in the later stage of pregnancy (up until the point of birth ?) is nothing other than murder.

It was only this week that channel 9 Brisbane reported on the latest equipment at one of our hospitals which helps premature babies breathe. It is a wonderful innovation, and gives the parents of these babies greater hope that their children will survive and grow healthy and strong. It would be babies of similar age (viable outside the womb) that woman would be allowed to abort. Please DO NOT allow this to become law in Queensland. My heart goes out to women who for whatever reason find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy, but please, choose to be a voice for the unborn child and say NO to changes in our current abortion laws.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Barham